

## **Purpose of visit of Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) to the Republic of Tajikistan**

From 3 to 7 October, 2006 First official meeting of the delegation of the Meteorological Organization of Islamic Republic of Iran (IRIMO) was hosted by the Agency on hydrometeorology of the State Committee for environmental protection and forestry of the Republic of Tajikistan (NMHS Tajikistan) in Dushanbe. This meeting was founded in the framework of the interdepartmental agreement on scientific and technical cooperation in the field of meteorology and exchange of knowledge and experience.

Within the meeting delegation of the IRIMO paid a visit to Mrs. MAVLONOVA, the Chairman of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and Mr. KARIMOV, the Chairman of the State Committee for environmental protection and forestry of the Republic of Tajikistan. During the dialogue representatives from the side of Tajikistan and Iran highlighted on importance of the bilateral cooperation development of two countries in matters related with meteorological service, in particular, decrease of risks associated with natural disasters, and enhancement of the hydrometeorological information exchange in different sectors of economy.

Furthermore, official meeting of Mr. Begmurod MAKHMADALIEV, director of the Agency on hydrometeorology with Dr. Ali-Mohammad NOORIAN, WMO First Vice-President, Vice Minister of Roads and Transportation, President of the I.R. of Iran Meteorological Organization, was held on October 4, 2006. Within the meeting – main outcomes attained in the frameworks of the bilateral co-operation for the reporting period, (time after the second official meeting, which was held in January 2003 in Teheran, Iran) along with the future planning of the activity were prioritized.

Besides, a number of questions related to meteorological telecommunication and hydrometeorological information exchange were discussed as well as planning outputs agreed. This will, undoubtedly, promote quality increasing of meteorological data receipt and transfer.

Sides agreed to further develop and enhance the partnership in the field of information exchange in accordance with the Agreement signed in 2003, which is founded on principles of future current conditions of the agreement, identifying priority directions, which, as expected, would be embraced by the cooperation frameworks. Upon the request of the Agency on hydrometeorology, delegation of IRIMO agreed to host advanced training courses for 10-12 local specialists of the NMHS Tajikistan.



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Mr. Ahmad ACHAL LUION, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Republic of Tajikistan warmly received Mr. MAKHMADALIEV and Dr. NOORIAN, therefore, indicating his deepest interest to the history of cooperation development among two met services.

As a whole, the meeting was held in warm and friendly manner, and bilateral dialogues among administrative bodies and specialists of the NMHS Tajikistan pointed out a deep interest of the latter to study IRIMO meteo system and further integrate, if possible, to the development of the communication facilities of the Tajik Met Service.

As agreed in the framework of the Agreement, the new satellite facility aimed at meteorological data along with the satellite images, transferred from IRIMO, was established at the Automated Communication Centre of the Agency on hydrometeorology.

A set of equipment includes:

- Satellite receiver (modem);
- New generation server;
- Voice over IP device (VoIP).

High speed satellite channel allows to increase quality, sustainability and speed of the meteorological data receipt/transfer; moreover, there is an opportunity to apply voice communication through VoIP. Specialists working in the field of meteorology and automated communication services highlighted importance and quality of the satellite data and images receipt/transfer.

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